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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation  
in the Production, Processing, and  
Handling of Food"

Dear Sirs:

I support the recommendation  
by the Center for Science in the Public  
Interest regarding labeling of  
irradiated goods. They say that  
"any foods, or any foods containing  
ingredients that have been treated  
by irradiation, should be labeled  
with a written statement on the main  
panel indicating such treatment. The  
statement should be easy to read  
and placed in close proximity to the  
name of the food and accompanied by  
the international symbol. If the food  
is unpackaged, this information should  
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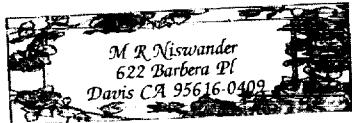
be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view and adjacent to where the product is displayed for sale."

I think that the terms "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" should be retained. Do not use a misleading phrase like "pasteurization" because pasteurization is a different process of fast heating and cooling.

The radura is information about a material fact of food processing. The requirement for irradiation disclosure (both label and radura) should not expire at any time in the future. The material fact of processing remains. The symbol should be clear for everyone! People have a right to know if food has been irradiated.

P.S.-I am a grand-mother & want to feed my grandkids only safe food!!

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